



MD-CW2907

# Maryland

## Weekly Crop and Weather Report



October 9, 2007

### Dry, Dry Weather Continues

No rain was reported in Maryland this week which is affecting small grain plantings. The ground is too hard to plant fall seeds and moisture is needed to germinate seed.

There were **6.8 days suitable for field work** for the week ending October 7, 2007.

**Corn** for grain harvest was 57 percent complete. Fifty seven percent of the **soybean** crop is dropping leaves and 11 percent has been harvested, only 2 percent behind last year.

Fourth cutting of **alfalfa hay** is 88 percent complete. Some farmers have started a fifth cutting of **alfalfa hay**. Fourth cutting of **other hay** is 17 percent complete.

**Pastures** are rated 26 percent very poor, 39 percent poor, 27 percent fair, and 8 percent good. **Hay** supplies were 41 percent very short, 37 percent short, 18 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus.

### MARYLAND'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 7, 2007

Item		This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Five Year Average
Percent					
<u>Field Crops</u>					
Corn	Mature	96	91	98	95
	Harvested for Grain	57	45	61	57
Soybeans	Dropping Leaves	57	40	69	58
	Harvested	11	4	13	11
Barley	Planted	47	34	43	45
Winter Wheat	Planted	22	19	19	19
<u>Hay</u>					
Alfalfa Hay	4 <sup>th</sup> Cutting	88	88	67	73
Alfalfa Hay	5 <sup>th</sup> Cutting	17	8	3	7
Other Hay	4 <sup>th</sup> Cutting	17	12	38	47
<u>Fruits Harvested</u>					
Apples		89	80	83	70

### SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 7, 2007

Condition by Percent	Topsoil Moisture			Subsoil Moisture		
	This Week	Last Week	5 Year Average	This Week	Last Week	5 Year Average
Very Short	59	43	-	51	40	-
Short	33	38	-	39	42	-
Adequate	8	19	-	10	18	-
Surplus	-	-	-	-	-	-

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WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 7, 2007

	Precipitation <sup>1</sup>			Temperatures			
Weather Station	Total this week	Total Since Jan 1	Departure from Normal Since Jan 1	High	Low	Average	Departure from Normal
<b>Maryland</b>							
Baltimore/Washington Airport	0.00	23.43	-8.32	85	50	71	10
Frederick	0.00	26.48	-4.1	89	48	69	13
Frostburg	0.00	32.18	-4.72	80	46	64	11
Hagerstown	0.00	19.61	-10.24	85	53	70	11
Mechanicsville	0.00	23.15	-12.07	81	47	67	7
Patuxent River	0.01	21.50	-11.56	81	55	72	11
Ocean City	0.00	21.62	-13.71	77	66	72	10
Salisbury	0.00	22.18	-13.67	86	43	70	9
Sharpsburg	0.00	24.74	-5.84	89	43	69	12
Stevensville	0.00	24.74	-8.12	82	53	70	9
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	0.00	21.72	-8.35	84	58	73	10
<b>Delaware</b>							
Dover	0.00	24.97	-10.04	82	51	70	7
Georgetown	0.00	22.41	-12.17	84	50	71	11
Wilmington	0.00	29.31	-2.6	84	51	70	10

<sup>1</sup> Precipitation totals as of 7 A.M. on recorded date.  
Weather Data is provided by the Agricultural Weather Information Service, Auburn, Alabama and is considered preliminary.